

SALEM INLAND WETLANDS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Salem Town Hall
270 Hartford Road, Salem, CT 06420

Monday, July 11, 2016
Regular Meeting - 7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

Judith Huggard
RECEIVED
TOWN OF SALEM, CT
2016 JUL 14 P 5:59

1. **Call to Order.** Chairman Edward Natoli called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. **Roll Call/Seating of Alternates.** In attendance: Chairman Edward Natoli, Vice-Chairman Roger Phillips, Gale Balavender, Eric Belt, Alternate Frank Abete and Linda Wildrick (7:22 pm). Absent: Sally Snyder & Diba Khan-Bureau. Also in attendance: Liz Burdick, Wetlands Enforcement Officer & Kevin Lyden, First Selectman.

Upon MOTION by Gale Balavender, Seconded by Roger Phillips, it was voted unanimously to seat Frank Abete for Absent Sally Snyder.

3. **Additions or Changes to the Agenda.**

Upon MOTION by Eric Belt, Seconded by Frank Abete, it was voted unanimously to add agenda item "D" - Meeting Procedures and item "E" - Review of DEEP Inland Wetlands Training.

Upon MOTION by Eric Belt, Seconded by Frank Abete, it was voted unanimously to change the order of the agenda and address New Business Item "B" first prior to other New Business items.

4. **Approval of Minutes: April 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes.**

Only three members in attendance were able to vote on the minutes.

Upon MOTION by Eric Belt, Seconded by Gale Balavender, it was voted unanimously to table the approval of the minutes of the April 11, 2016 meeting minutes to the next regular meeting.

5. **Public Comment.** None.

6. **New Business:**

B. **IWWC#2016AR03 - 300 Hartford Road - Applicant/Property Owner:**
Lee Cole-Chu - As of Right Determination for Recreational Path.

Property owner, Lee Cole-Chu addressed the Commission and reviewed his proposal to construct a 5' wide stone path against the stone wall at the front of the property to walk inside the stone wall when the adjacent area floods. He will install a small 6" pipe under the wall to allow free flow of water under it out to the ditch.

Roger Phillips asked if Mr. Cole-Chu planned to change the level of the water and Cole-Chu stated the pipe would maintain the existing water table.

Ed Natoli asked if the water ever goes over the stone wall and Cole-Chu stated every year.

Roger Phillips recommended utilizing commercial grade pipe, filter fabric and 2-3" stone base. Cole-Chu agreed stating he would use a finish course of smaller stone for ease in walking. Additionally, he stated he would be doing the work himself using a wheelbarrow and no machinery would be used.

Upon MOTION by Roger Phillips, Seconded by Eric Belt, it was voted unanimously to APPROVE the application of Lee Cole-Chu for an As of Right Determination for Recreational Path at 300 Hartford Road with the following condition: Filter fabric and minimum 2" stone shall be used a base for the path.

**A. IWWC#2016AR02 – 10 Music Vale Road – Applicant/Property Owner:
Town of Salem – As of Right Determination for Recreational Path/Bridge.**

WEO Liz Burdick reviewed the existing recreational path and foot bridge located on Town property and reviewed the proposal to install filter fabric and millings in the area that connects with the Salem Multi-Purpose Path where is puddles in the spring.

First Selectman Kevin Lyden addressed the Commission and stated former WEO Candi Palmer approved the construction of the original existing path and footbridge and that the path connects to the multi-purpose paths and then provides a one mile loop around to the school, which loop is utilized by many residents.

Upon MOTION by Roger Phillips, Seconded by Linda Wildrick, it was voted unanimously to APPROVE the application of Town of Salem for an As of Right Determination for Recreational Path/Bridge at 10 Music Vale Road, as well as future maintenance as needed.

C. Discussion of the Role of the Conservation Commission.

Chairman Ed Natoli asked the Commissioners to review the specific powers and duties of Conservation Commissions as summarized in he 2004 "What's Legally Required By Michael Ziska and think about future projects to take on as a Conservation Commission. Discussion was table to the next meeting.

D. Review of Meeting Notification & Attendance Procedures.

The Commissioners agreed to contact Ed Natoli or Town Staff if they will not be attending the meeting.

E. Review of 2016 DEEP Inland Wetlands Training Program. Tabled to next regular meeting.

7. Public Hearing: None.

8. Old Business: None.

9. Wetlands Enforcement Officer's Report: None.


10. Correspondence:

WEO Burdick distributed the Spring 2016 edition of the The Habitat, which discusses "The Green Plan", the State's 2016 – 2020 Comprehensive Open Space Acquisition Plan, which Chairman Natoli asked Commissioners to review for the next meeting.

11. Adjournment.

Upon MOTION by Roger Phillips, Seconded by Eric Belt, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Liz Burdick
Wetlands Enforcement Officer